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## **FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS**

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments yesterday. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

### **WOOD COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH MAKING FALSE REPORTS**

Darrell Kasner, DOB 10/24/58, of Arpin, Wisconsin, is charged with making false reports with respect to the work performed in connection with the construction of a highway project approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The indictment alleges that from August 2002 to September 2003, Kasner caused payroll records to be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that falsely certified that laborers performing work on the U.S. Highway 10 Project had been paid wages at rates not less than those required under the applicable contract provisions.

If convicted, Kasner faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is a result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

### **DUBUQUE WOMAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF POSTAL FUNDS**

DeAnn Taft, DOB 8/29/59, of Dubuque, Iowa, is charged with making false entries in an account connected to her duties as an employee of the United States Postal Service, and with misappropriation of postal funds. The indictment alleges that from January 2005 through August 18, 2006, she made the false entries with intent to deceive and defraud. The indictment further alleges that during that time period, she converted to her own use approximately \$1,740.91 in postal funds. Taft was the Postmaster Relief at the Post Office in Kieler, Wisconsin.

If convicted, Taft faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The

charges against her are the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Laura Przybylinski Finn.

### **BELOIT MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTION OF HEROIN**

Kennard Johnson, DOB 11/26/73 of Beloit, Wisconsin, is charged in a four-count indictment with distribution of heroin. The indictment alleges that Johnson distributed the heroin on August 18, August 30, September 25, and October 18, 2006.

If convicted, Johnson faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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